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## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

### Chung-Olree

Richard and Niann Chung of Issaquah, Wis., announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Shao-Chuan, to Michael Robert Olree, son of Robert and Judy Olree of Troy.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is employed by Saturn Corp. Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is employed by Ford Motor Co.

An August wedding is planned in Troy.



### Smiley-Focia

Dr. and Mrs. William H. Smiley III of West Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Lea, to William John Focia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Focia of Montgomery, Ala.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Marian High School, Loyola University-Chicago and Tulane Law School.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lee High School and Auburn University.

A June wedding is planned at Shrine-Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake.



### Cholack-Clagne

Jeanne Cholack of Grosee Pointe Farms announces the engagement of her daughter, Dina Mary, to David Arthur Clagne, son of Art and Pat Clagne of Bloomfield Hills. She is also the daughter of the late George Cholack.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is associate producer of "Dateline" for NBC News.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Columbia University. He is vice president of the U.S. Russia Investment Fund in New York.

A June wedding is planned at



Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Greetown.

## The Garden Party offers food, wine and auction

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center will hold its annual summer event The Garden Party, La Foto au Jardin, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 7, in the gardens of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills.

This tradition, presented by Ford Motor Co., will feature entertainment, wine from around the world and an array of food prepared by 60 of the area's chefs to benefit the center's programs for abused children and families in crisis.

Tickets to The Garden Party are \$125 per person. Patron tickets are \$300 (includes two tickets and complimentary valet). Benefactor tickets are \$600 (includes four tickets and complimentary valet parking). For more information, call the center's Agency Relations Department at (248) 628-7527, Ext. 3115.

More than 1,200 will stroll through the center's gardens and food tents to sample appetizers, entrees, desserts and a presentation of premium wines from Michigan distributors.

Live music will be provided center stage by jazz musicians Alexander Zonjic and Friends, Hugh Borde's Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band will entertain with high-energy music from the Caribbean.

Later in the afternoon, honorary chairman Dick Puritan of Office 104.3 WOMC with his morning crew cast of characters and Huel Perkins of WJBK-TV, Fox 2, will auction 60 lots of rare and collectible bottles of wine, teapots and more, during a live auction.

Planning committee members include Thomas Grobbel (advertising) and Michello Venuto, both of Birmingham; Lynn and Mark Berman (tickets), Julie and Steve Eskoff (gardens and volunteers), Carol and Tom

George (restaurants) and Linda and Bob Leich, all of Bloomfield Hills; and Larry Berman and Tom and Marge George, all of West Bloomfield. The event is made possible by Edward and Juliette Jonna and Merchant of Vino Whole Foods Market.

Two of several new restaurants to the 1998 Garden Party are The Garden Party from bread of Southfield and Wood-Ruffs of Royal Oak.

"The Garden Party is one of the most respected events by restaurant professionals," said chef Paul Grosz of The Whitney in Detroit. "It is for a good cause and it is a lot of fun to do. I look forward to it every year." The Whitney has been a part of the Garden Party for the last seven years. This year Grosz's team will prepare his delicacy of Glaze King Crab Cakes and Tartlets.

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center has provided care and services to children and families in crisis for 69 years. Today, the center's programs include residential treatment and crisis stabilization for severely abused and traumatized children, foster care, respite and adoption services for children with special needs, and outreach and residential services for high-risk young mothers, fathers and their babies. Together, these programs provide care and treatment to more than 1,000 infants, youth and families throughout metropolitan Detroit, annually.

### Okopny-McLaughlin

Patrick and Sharon Okopny of Grand Blanc announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Matthew James McLaughlin, son of Mike and Judy McLaughlin of Brandon Township.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed by EDS.

Her fiancé is attending Central Michigan University. A June 1999 wedding is planned.



### Sechler-Edwards

Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Sechler of Birmingham announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Lynne, to David K. Edwards, son of Mrs. Irene Karpinski of Hamtramck.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Hillsdale College and Oakland University. She is employed as an account executive. Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Detroit. He is employed at Chrysler Corp. in Auburn Hills, managing new media public relations. A November wedding is planned.



### Gale-Harte

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Gale of Beverly Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Judy Louise, to Shane Anthony Harte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harte of Dublin, Ireland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Groves High School, Hillsdale College and the University of Michigan.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Germanston College, University College and Trinity College, all in Dublin. He is employed at Ford Motor Co.

An October wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Church in Dearborn.

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